

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Muralidhara et al. Examiner: Ana M. Fortuna
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a four-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Notice of Appeal mailed February 13, 2003, said period of response being extended from April 13, 2003 to August 13, 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$1450.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.



Respectfully submitted,

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